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All Regional Directors of Health Services

All MOOH

### Immunization with Live JE vaccine SA 14-14-2(LJEV)

The recent amendments to the EPI schedule by shifting LJEV from 9 months to one year, has caused the drop of LJE vaccine usage for a 3-month period in mid 2015. This has resulted in excess stocks expiring in November 2015, remaining in most MOH areas.

For the purpose of best use of this vaccine for the benefit of children and adult population it is here by instructed to vaccinate them with a single dose of LJEV:

- Children who have previously received only one, two or three doses without completing the four doses of killed JE (inactivated) vaccine
- Children who have not received a single dose of any type of JE vaccine
- Adults who have not completed the killed JE (inactivated) schedule
- Adults who have not received a single dose of any type of JE vaccine

Therefore please take necessary steps to implement this interim recommendation before expiry of the vaccines.

Your contribution towards the National Immunization Programme is highly appreciated

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